"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

How do you tell when an ear of corn matures? It's not easy. What we are talking about is physiological maturity -- the stage where kernel development is complete. No more starch, or dry matter will be laid down in the kernel and frost, disease, etc., will not affect it after this point. Most corn varieties are at 28 to 30% moisture at this point.

The hybrid corn seed industry is shifting to heat units or growing degree days (G.D.-D.) to make this determination. This isn't something new. Since 1731 it's been recognized that G. D. D. was an index to plant growth.

This is the reason many seed corn companies are dropping the old ways to determine maturity and going to G. D. D. G. D. D. is more meaningful across the country.

E.W. and Dan Carson planted eight varieties of corn after barley harvest. These are all short season corn ranging from 2320 to 24990 G. D. D. These are corn varieties that are normally grown in northern Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Compare these maturities with a familiar variety like XL 44 which has 2550 G. D. D.

The eight varieties are XL 311, XL15A, XL343, XL 21, XL 22B, XL 24, XL 22, and XL 45. If these varieties were planted early in this area, they would be short. But by planting at a later date they will be taller.

This should be an interesting test and we'll look forward to following it.

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The boxwood is adapted to Appomattox County. It's a plant that can be used for edging, clipped hedges, and specimens. They may be trained as formal hedges or for artistic topiary effects. Longwood Gardens at Kennett Square Pennsylvania, has a number of excellent examples of artistically pruned boxwoods.

Saffruticosa is a true edging box. The plant requires years to reach 2 feet of growth. Some 150-year-old plants are no more than three feet tall.

Littleleaf box, Buxus Microphylla, originated in Japan and has leaves somewhat smaller than the common box.

The Korean variety of littleleaf box is one of the hardiest of all boxwood shrubs. Leaves will turn brown in winter. The Wintergreen box is a selection from this species which retains its green foliage throughout the winter. The plant will reach a height of two feet.

Kingsville dwarf box is a selection from compacta, a dwarf strain of littleleaf box. This is one of the smallest boxwoods reading a height of 12 to 18 inches after many years of growth. This variety is sometimes used for training as a Bonsai.

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There is a growing concern about water and its use, Gen. F. J. Clarke, Army Chief of Engineers, describes the situation this way: "Gentlemen," the scientist said, "I have some good news and some bad news for you. Our study shows that by the year 2020 everyone in the United States will be drinking recycled sewage from his home water tap." "Great Scott" came a shout from the audience. "Quick, tell us the good news." "My friend," responded the scientist, "that was the good news. The bad news is that there won't be enough to go around."

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WEATHER REPORT

Last Week	.89
This Month	4.18
This Year	37.27

Appomattox 4-H'ers Host Interstate Exchange Delegates

Appomattox County 4-H members will serve as hosts for a group of teenagers from Hardeman County, Tennessee during the week of July 24-31. The visitors from Tennessee represent the return portion of a 4-H Interstate Exchange program which began last August when 12 Virginia 4-H members lived with families in Hardeman County for a one week period.

Appomattox will host 6 teenagers during their week long visit. Amherst and Nelson Counties, who also participated last year, will host two persons each.

A week long series of events and activities has been planned for the out of state 4-Hers to provide recreation, a look at historic Virginia, and an insight into the Virginia 4-H program. The program will begin with a welcoming party when the group reaches Appomattox Court - house on Monday, July 24. Included in the week's activities will be a trip to Holiday Lake 4-H Camp, a tour of the Appomattox Historical Park, tours of several Lynchburg industries, a trip to Smith Mountain Dam and power station, visits to an apple and peach orchard in Nelson County, a tour of Buffalo River Ranch and Sweet Briar College in Amherst County, a visit to Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson, and various recreation activities.

Families in Appomattox who will serve as host families include: Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Elder, Mrs. W. R. Brightwell, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Allen, and Mr. and Mrs. James Paulette. Four-H members from these families who will be helping with the interstate exchange program are Joanne Elder, Billie Brightwell, Laverne Allen, Hope Paulette, and Donna Paulette.

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Founder's Keepers Collection From TFI

Sleek modern styling is the keynote of TFI's Founders product line. The bedroom furniture shown above is from the Founders' Keepers Two collection featuring northern elm veneers and solids. Accents of cane and lacquered door fronts are available on selected pieces in this collection of furniture for bedroom, dining and living room.

Smith died while in Grand Rapids Mich. while on a business trip. Sympathy is extended his wife and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutson Dickerson of Brookneal were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and Christine Wednesday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Elder, Patricia, Joanne, and Barry returned home Saturday after a vacation in Ga., N. C, and S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. David Almond and Alec have returned after two weeks vacation in Calif. and other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McIntosh and girls returned home Sunday afternoon after a vacation in S. C.

Mrs. Bessie Baldwin, sister of Emmett Talbert of Pamplin and Mrs. Harry Nash of Fehnix died at a Richmond Hospital Wednesday.

Rhomy Wilson entered Va. Baptist Hospital Friday afternoon again but came back home.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dickerson and children returned home Saturday after being on vacation. They were dinner guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and Christine Sun.

Clarence Webber, Jr. of Pamplin was in a motorcycle accident Saturday afternoon and was rushed to a hospital in Lynchburg.

Michael Richardson was sick over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Allen of Fairfax , Va. and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Coleman of Barnes Junction spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farrar.

Mrs. Clara Garrett and Mrs. Alice Jackson of Evergreen accompained Miss Mable Farmer and mother, Mrs. Lula Farmer to Webber city Friday for a few days.

Mark Hipps was rushed to Lynchburg General Hospital Saturday night with a kidney stone attack.

Miss Mittie Cumby entered Lynchburg General Hospital Sunday for an eye operation. A very speedy recovery is wish ed her.

A very large crowd attended the Earl Smith funeral at Pamplin on Thursday morning.

A number from here went to Monterey, Va. for the Pritchard and Almond wedding Saturday.

Dr. Richard M. Stephenson of First Church of Richmond will be the guest speaker for the 200th anniversary of Rocks Baptist Church on July 30.

Rev. W. H. Elder brought a fine sermon Sunday.

ROCKS

July 17 -- It was quite warm a few days last week.

Ned Almond returned home from the hospital last week much improved.

Mrs. Toby Inge and mother, Mrs. Clara Garrett and aunt, Alice Jackson and Miss Mable Farmer and mother, Mrs. Lula Farmer of Webber City enjoyed supper down at Old Rocks Monday afternoon.

A sad gloom was cast over our community Tuesday when the sad news came that our beloved friend and neighbor, Earl

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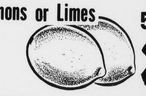

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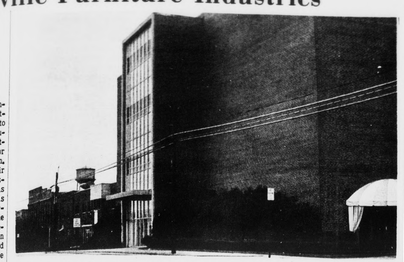

Thomasville maintains the largest showrooms in the industry. Opened to retailers in October and April during the Southern Furniture Market, the showrooms are located next to the general offices in Thomasville.

tasteful styling to efficient manufacturing, from inspiring advertising to imaginative marketing. In fact, it would take many years for any one firm to offer this kind of complete satisfaction. The opportunity to achieve this in our lifetime is what made us decide to join with Armstrong."

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During the late forties and early fifties, the industry saw the development and growth of the Southern Factory Showings held each April and October. These showings grew from a point of little national significance to the two most prominent national marketing events of each year. Thomasville was one of the first Southern furniture manufacturers to influence buyers to come directly to the factory to see new merchandise.

Another new marketing activity was initiated in April 1971. A selection of imports from Europe was offered to retailers during the Southern Furniture Market. Known as "From the Four Corners," the imports include fine traditional designs as well eclecticisms of metal, glass and newer materials.

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Additional lines are introduced in April and October during the Southern Furniture markets at the Company showrooms in Thomasville, High Point and Lenoir. As many as 500 individual new pieces may be shown at each market - as well as current patterns.

Today, Thomasville operates a total of 19 modern plants located in Thomasville, Winston-Salem, Pleasant Garden, West Jefferson, Hickory, Lenoir and Fayette, Mississippi, and employs approximately 5,600 people. The central warehousing complex totals more than 700,000 square feet of storage space.

Southern States 'Membership Day' Slated For July 27th

Election of local Advisory Board, Farm Home Advisory Committee members and operations reports will highlight the Southern States Annual Membership Day for the Appomattox area, on Thursday, July 27. The event will be held at the Coleman and Sons, Inc. Agency and will begin at 1:00 p.m. The business session is slated to start at 3:30 p.m.

"The Membership Day," according to managers Ronald Coleman and Dan G. Coleman of the Coleman and Sons, Inc., "will give patrons and members the opportunity to become better acquainted with our facilities, products and services. All stockholder members are particularly urged to attend the business session and participate in the election."

James R. Ford of Appomattox will serve as chairman of the local meeting.

Local operations and services will be discussed by co-manager Ronald Coleman, H. Morris Sutton of Richmond, a member of the cooperative's regional staff will report on the overall Southern States operations for the fiscal year which ended June 30.

There will be a ceremony honoring new board members at which they will receive lapel pins. Retiring board members, James R. Ford and LeGrand L. Webb of Appomattox will be presented the cooperative's Leadership Award in recognition of their services.

Nominees for the local Advisory Board for the Appomattox area, are E. M. (Eddy) Covington of Pamplin, John H. Goin and Harry Lucado of Appomattox and G. Foster Reynolds of Red House.

There will also be a ceremony honoring Mrs. R. Abbitt Coleman and Mrs. Richard T. Nash, both of Appomattox, who are retiring this year from the Farm Home Advisory Committee.

Ladies nominated for the Farm Home Advisory Committee are: Mrs. I. Watts Moore of Concord, Mrs. L. E. Sayre of Spout Spring, Mrs. Ted W. Layne and Mrs. W. C. Paulette of Appomattox.

There will also be the presentation of Cooperative Service Awards to Coleman and Sons, Inc. for 25 years of service to the community.

A number of door prizes will be given away during the day. Refreshments will also be served.

Local operations and services will be discussed by co-manager, Ronald Coleman.

H. Morris Sutton of Richmond, a member of the cooperative's regional staff will report on the over-all Southern States operations for the fiscal year which ended June 30.

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